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SUBJ: EXIMBANK GUARANTEE FOR SALE OF 2 SABRELINER BUSINESS JET
AIRCRAFT TO PERUVIAN AIRFORCE

REF: STATE 132126

1. BUREAU OF AEROPHOTOGRAPHY OF MINISTRY OF AERONAUTICS CONFIRMS
THAT IT IS STUDYING FEASIBILITY OF PURCHASE OF SUBJECT AIRPLANES
AND IS DISCUSSING PROJECT WITH ROCKWELL INTERNATIONAL AND OTHER
AIRPLANE MANUFACTURES (LEAR JET). BUREAU ALSO CONFIRMED THAT THE GOV-
ERNMENT-OWNED BANCO DE LA NACION WILL BE GUARANTOR OF LOAN.

2. PLAN IS TO ACQUIRE AIRPLANES WHICH CAN SERVE PRIMARILY AS
FAST MOVING AEROPHOTOGRAPHY CRAFT BUT WHICH CAN, IF NEED BE,
ALSO BE USED AS EXECUTIVE JETS FOR TOP AIR FORCE AND AERONAUTICS
MINISTRY PERSONNEL. THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT THE PLANES IN
QUESTION CAN SERVE IN THIS DUAL ROLE.

3. UNDER THE AERIAL CARTOGRAPHY AGREEMENT OF 1948 BETWEEN THE
U.S. AND PERU, THE U.S. (AIR FORCE) HAS AGREED TO SUPPLY AN AIR
PHOTOGRAPHY AIRCRAFT TO THE GOP AS NEEDED TO ASSIST IT WITH
ITS CARTOGRAPHY PROGRAMS. THIS HAS BEEN DIFFICULT TO DO AT
TIMES FOR THE NUMBER OF SUITABLE PLANES IS LIMITED AND THE
DEMAND IS HIGH. IF PERU SHOULD ACQUIRE TWO AEROPHOTOGRAPHY
AIRCRAFT OF ITS OWN, IT WOULD HAVE LESS NEED FOR U.S.

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ASSISTANCE AND THE PRESSURE ON THE AIR FORCE COULD BE LESSENED.

4. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE
CONSIDERATION OF THIS REQUEST AND KNOWS OF NO REASONS POLITICAL
OR OTHER WHY THE EXIM BANK SHOULD NOT CONSIDER IT.
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